

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI
EASTERN DIVISION**

JAMES E. GRANBERRY,)	
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Petitioner,)	
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v.)	No. 4:11CV371 JCH
)	
STATE OF MISSOURI, et al.,)	
)	
Respondents.)	

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER

This matter is before the Court on petitioner's pro se application for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The Court lacks jurisdiction to grant the writ, and the Court will dismiss it.

A district court's jurisdiction over writs filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 is geographically limited to the judicial district in which petitioner's custodian is located. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(a); Rumsfeld v. Padilla, 542 U.S. 426, 442 (2004). Petitioner is currently confined at the Jefferson City Correctional Center in Jefferson City, Missouri. Petitioner's custodian, therefore, is located within the Western District of Missouri. Consequently, this Court lacks jurisdiction to grant the writ, and this case shall be dismissed pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 12(h)(3).

Accordingly,

IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner's writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241 is **DISMISSED** for lack of jurisdiction.

An Order of Dismissal shall accompany this Memorandum and Order.

Dated this 15th Day of March, 2011.

/s/ Jean C. Hamilton
JEAN C. HAMILTON
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE